



August 19, 2019

Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. EPA, Region 1 (OARM01-6)  
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**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, I am requesting copies and/or access to records held at EPA's Region 1 office.

Records of interest include documents created, compiled, and submitted to the EPA under regulatory programs such as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), Clean Air Act (CAA), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).

Specifically, I am requesting release of a number of specific documents and types of documents held at Region 1 concerning Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company's operations in North Providence, Rhode Island<sup>1</sup>. Below, I have included information on the site occupant's name, address(es), any available facility ID numbers, and the types of documents requested. The following sections are arranged according to specific EPA regulatory programs.

*RCRA Requested Documents*

We understand that hazardous waste generated by Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company at 140 Waterman Avenue, North Providence, RI was regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and was assigned the following RCRA facility ID: RID001191253.

We request the following materials relating to this facility produced by the company as required by RCRA:

- RCRA Notification
- Part A application (Form 8700-12)

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<sup>1</sup> Certain historical documents sometimes list the name of the town for this site as Greystone, Rhode Island, or Centredale, Rhode Island, which are generally considered neighborhoods of North Providence.

- Inspections and correspondence for the period 1984 and earlier
- Work plans and closure documentation related to contamination processes and chemical releases
- Biennial hazardous waste reports from 1981 to 1985

We understand that hazardous waste generated by Worcester Co at 2 Greystone Avenue, North Providence, RI was regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and was assigned the following RCRA facility ID: RID075682542.

We therefore request the following documents relating to this facility produced by the company as required by the RCRA:

- RCRA Notification
- Part A application (Form 8700-12)
- Inspections and correspondence for the period 1984 and earlier
- Work plans and closure documentation related to contamination processes and chemical releases
- Biennial hazardous waste reports from 1981 to 1985

We understand that hazardous waste generated by Induplate LLC at 1 Greystone Avenue, North Providence, RI was regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and was assigned the following RCRA facility ID: RID001195387.

We therefore request the following documents relating to this facility produced by the company as required by the RCRA:

- RCRA Notification
- Part A application (Form 8700-12)
- Inspections and correspondence for the period 1984 and earlier
- Work plans and closure documentation related to contamination processes and chemical releases
- Biennial hazardous waste reports from 1981 to 1985

#### TSCA PCB Regulations

We understand that, under the PCB regulations adopted pursuant to section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act, that PCB waste materials may have been used or remediated at Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company (BNS), Worcester Company, Induplate at 1-2 Greystone Avenue, 140 Waterman, North Providence, RI, and 236 Promenade Street, Providence, RI. We therefore request the following documents related to PCBs and these installations:

- Documentation of any PCB related notifications, inspections, and enforcement actions involving these locations or parties, including the following known PCB activity:
  - Three 1987 waste manifests for 25 gallons of PCB water (R011), 10 gallons of PCB oil (R011), and 150 pounds of PCB debris (R011) at 2 Greystone Avenue
  - A 2001 waste manifest for 440 pounds of HW Sol (B007) at 1 Greystone Avenue

- Two 2002 waste manifests for 11,866 kgs misc. PCB waste (B007) and 10,369 kgs misc. PCB waste (B007) at Promenade Street

*TRI Requested Documents*

We understand that Induplate at 1 Greystone Dr., North Providence, RI was required to file an annual report with the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program to document the release of certain chemicals. The company was assigned the following TRI facility ID: 02911SRNGT1GREY. We therefore request the annual reports / submittals (also known as "Form R") filed by company for the 1987 and 1988 reporting years.

We understand that Worcester Company at 1 Greystone Avenue, North Providence, RI was required to file an annual report with the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program to document the release of certain chemicals. The company was assigned the following TRI facility ID: 02911WRCSTGREYS. We therefore request any annual reports (also known as "Form R") filed by company, including the submittals filed for the 1987 and 1988 reporting years.

*Request Information*

History Associates requests the release of the above materials. If this is not possible, we request information as to why, as we understand that these collections are publically accessible under statutory regulations.

History Associates agrees to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees authorized by 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A) and the applicable regulations up to \$250. Should the fees exceed this amount, please call me with an estimate of the total costs in order that specific expenditures beyond \$250 can be authorized.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact me at (301) 279-9697 or via email at [HBergen@historyassociates.com](mailto:HBergen@historyassociates.com).

Sincerely,

Hilary Bergen